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For: ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please INSERT before the first line the sentence:

This application is a Continuation of application number 09/037,866, filed March 10, 1998, now pending, and incorporated by reference herein.

Please REPLACE the paragraph at page 3, lines 2-5, with:

It is an object of the present invention to provide a system which permits requests - either estimate requests or order requests - to vendors and for conditions related to requests to be understood easily, by communicating electronic data.

Please REPLACE the paragraph at page 3, lines 6 - page 4 line 6, with: